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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

At the request of the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations Office at Geneva, the following communication addressed to the President of the Trade and Development Board, and its attachment, is being circulated as an official document of the Board.

PERMANENT MISSION OF PANAMA
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Geneva, 27 March 1990

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of note D.M. No. 233 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama, whereby our Government informed Mr. Lázaro Mora Secades, Ambassador of Cuba, that he must leave Panamanian territory.

Our Government's attitude is due to the fact that, during the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights and subsequently during the thirty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board, the respective Cuban delegations, on instructions from their Government, expressed reservations regarding the credentials presented by what they disrespectfully referred to as an "alleged Government of Panama".

I would be most grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as an official document of the thirty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Osvaldo VELÁSQUEZ
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Att.: as indicated

Mr. Oscar R. de Rojas
President of the Trade and Development Board
at its thirty-sixth session
United Nations

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

D.M. No. 233

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba and informs it that, after observing with extreme tolerance the conduct of the Cuban Government, as displayed at various international forums and meetings in which it has systematically been contesting Panamanian delegates by accusing them of representing an illegitimate Government, and in view of the fact that the leaders of the Cuban Government are persisting in their lack of respect towards the constitutional Government democratically elected by the Panamanian people and presided over by Mr. Guillermo Endara Galimany, whose victory was recognized by the international community, in particular by the genuinely democratic countries of Latin America meeting in San José to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of Costa Rican democracy, Ambassador Lázaro Mora Secades is requested to leave Panamanian territory within 72 (seventy-two) hours from receipt of this communication.

The continued presence in Panama of the head of the Cuban Mission is not justified in that his Government explicitly repudiates the Government in relation to which he is supposed to be performing his diplomatic functions.

In conformity with established diplomatic practice, the Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba, who is in no way the subject of any animosity, will enjoy all guarantees and assistance from the State Protocol Office in travelling to the Tocumen International Airport, provided that this Ministry is informed in advance of the day and time of his departure.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to convey to the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba the assurances of its highest consideration.

Panama, 22 March 1990

Embassy of the Republic of Cuba
Panama City
Panama

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